This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions may differ by subject. For more area summaries and geographic definitions, see www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm.

### Unemployment rates

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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Apr-21</th>
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<tr>
<td>United States</td>
<td>3.3</td>
<td>5.7</td>
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<td>Chattanooga area</td>
<td>3.7</td>
<td>2.8</td>
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<td>Catoosa Co., GA</td>
<td>1.9</td>
<td>2.6</td>
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<td>Hamilton Co., TN</td>
<td>3.0</td>
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<td>Marion Co., TN</td>
<td>3.3</td>
<td>4.1</td>
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<td>Walker Co., GA</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

### Average weekly wages

#### Chattanooga area, third quarter 2021
(U.S. = $1,251; Area = $1,056)

- **Hamilton Co., TN**: $1,115
- **Marion Co., TN**: $801
- **Catoosa Co., GA**: $792
- **Sequatchie**: $730
- **Dade**: $775
- **Walker**: $771

Source: U.S. BLS, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

### Over-the-year changes in employment

#### 12-month percent changes in employment

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<tr>
<th>Industry</th>
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<th>Change from Apr. 2021 to Apr. 2022</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total nonfarm</td>
<td>269.1</td>
<td>7.4  2.8</td>
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<td>Mining, logging, and construction</td>
<td>11.8</td>
<td>0.5  4.4</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>36.8</td>
<td>1.7  4.8</td>
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<td>Trade, transportation, and utilities</td>
<td>54.3</td>
<td>1.7  3.2</td>
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<td>Information</td>
<td>3.0</td>
<td>0.1  3.4</td>
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<td>Financial activities</td>
<td>21.2</td>
<td>-0.3 -1.4</td>
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<td>Professional and business services</td>
<td>27.5</td>
<td>-0.5 -1.8</td>
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<td>Education and health services</td>
<td>35.1</td>
<td>0.7  2.0</td>
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<td>Leisure and hospitality</td>
<td>30.0</td>
<td>3.3  12.4</td>
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<td>Other services</td>
<td>12.8</td>
<td>0.5  4.1</td>
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<td>Government</td>
<td>36.6</td>
<td>-0.3 -0.8</td>
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Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories

**12-month percent change in CPI-U, April 2022**

- **All items:** 29.8, 30.3
- **Food:** 8.8, 8.3
- **Energy:** 9.3, 9.4

Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide

**12-month percent changes in PPI**

- **General freight trucking:** Apr-19: -10.0, Apr-20: -5.0, Apr-21: 0.0, Apr-22: 5.0
- **Hospitals:** Apr-19: -10.0, Apr-20: -5.0, Apr-21: 0.0, Apr-22: 5.0
- **Specialized freight trucking:** Apr-19: -10.0, Apr-20: -5.0, Apr-21: 0.0, Apr-22: 5.0

Source: U.S. BLS, Producer Price Index.

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

**Average annual expenditures, United States and South region, 2020**

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<th>Category</th>
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<th>South region</th>
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<td>All items</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>$5,098</td>
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<td>Energy</td>
<td>$7,745</td>
<td>$8,694</td>
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<td>Housing</td>
<td>$10,360</td>
<td>$21,409</td>
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<td>All other items</td>
<td>$5,177</td>
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<td>Healthcare</td>
<td>$7,246</td>
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<td>Personal insurance &amp; pensions</td>
<td>$9,745</td>
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<td>Transportation</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey.

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

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<tr>
<td>All occupations</td>
<td>$23.60</td>
<td>$28.01</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accountants and auditors</td>
<td>33.90</td>
<td>40.37</td>
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<td>Registered nurses</td>
<td>31.54</td>
<td>39.78</td>
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<tr>
<td>Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers</td>
<td>24.43</td>
<td>24.20</td>
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<td>Construction laborers</td>
<td>18.12</td>
<td>21.22</td>
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<tr>
<td>Customer service representatives</td>
<td>16.81</td>
<td>18.79</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stockers and order fillers</td>
<td>14.23</td>
<td>15.87</td>
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Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

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<th>Private industry, December 2021</th>
<th>East South Central (1)</th>
<th>United States</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total compensation</td>
<td>$31.01</td>
<td>$38.07</td>
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<td>Wages and salaries</td>
<td>22.32</td>
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<td>Total benefits</td>
<td>8.69</td>
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<td>Paid leave</td>
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<td>Vacation</td>
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<td>Supplemental pay</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
<td>2.28</td>
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<td>Retirement and savings</td>
<td>0.98</td>
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<td>Legally required benefits</td>
<td>2.26</td>
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(1) The states that compose the East South Central census division are: AL, KY, MS, and TN.

Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

**12-month percent changes in ECI**

- **East South Central:** Apr-19: 0.0, Apr-20: 1.0, Apr-21: 2.0, Apr-22: 3.0
- **United States:** Apr-19: 0.0, Apr-20: 1.0, Apr-21: 2.0, Apr-22: 3.0

Source: U.S. BLS, Employment Cost Index.